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Dear Parents and Carers

UEA Outreach Programme – Year 9 Skills Discovery

The Nicholas Hamond Academy and UEA Outreach are working together to give students in Year 9 the opportunity to develop their skills and find out a bit more about university by taking part in the 'Skills Discovery' project. This project has 3 parts, which are outlined below:

Skills Discovery: An Introduction - Thursday 5th March 2026: During this in-school one hour workshop, students will be introduced to the project and the 2 key skills that they will be working on – speaking and collaboration. They will complete mini activities around each of these skills to start to build their confidence.

Skills Discovery: Campus Visit - Tuesday 14th April 2026: Students will visit the UEA. During this visit, they will be given a tour of campus and will take part in 3 workshops, where they will work on using the 2 key skills. After lunch, they will use what they have learned to prepare and present their ideas for a new university in front of a panel of judges. Please note that the times of the visit to the University will require us to leave the academy at 8 am and we will not return until 4.15 - 4.30 pm, so students will not be able to catch the bus to and from the academy that day, therefore you may need to make alternative transport arrangements. We will travel to the UEA with one of their partner companies. Dress code for the day will require students to wear their TNHA uniform. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and a drink with them, unless they are FSM, in which case we will organize food for them for the day. Please indicate on the form if you are entitled to FSM and if you require it.

Skills Discovery: Reflection and Review – TBC: During this in-school one hour workshop, students will reflect on how they used the 2 key skills on the campus day and will also spend some time looking forward and thinking about how these skills could be useful to them in the future. They will also get the opportunity to speak to a current student at the UEA about how they use these skills.

- Want to find out how they got on? Ask your young person...
- What did they enjoy about this project?
- What were the key ideas their school came up with for the new university?
- How do they feel the key skills of collaboration and speaking could be useful to
- them now and in the future?

If you agree to your child taking part in this opportunity, please can you complete the attached form and ask your child to deliver it to Mr Janes or myself (I am on the school gates every morning as students arrive to school) by no later than Monday 2nd March 2026.

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During the visit to the University, UEA may wish take photos of students to use on their social media. These photos may also be used on our social media websites too. Please may yourself and your child indicate on the consent form if you agree to this or not.

Should your child not wish to take part, please can you email me at your earliest convenience, so I am able to offer the opportunity to another student. Thank you in advance.

I hope you agree this is an excellent opportunity for your child, but should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on: kate.warnes@attrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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